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The Editor's Corner

The flying season is not far way—are your planes/ batteries/ ready to go? Now is a good time to do a full checkout of you planes. All control surfaces and link-ages tight and in good condition? Servos working smoothly? Motors/engines turning over smoothly? Are all the fasteners in place and tight? For your gas/glow how are your batteries? Have you cycled them recently—if they are over 3 years old maybe consider replacing them? Your lipos for you electrics—how old are these—were they giving you full flights last fall—are they puffed up. If you need to replace them now is the time before the suppliers are sold out when flying season gets into full swing.

February has been an active month. We submitted a grant proposal to AMA for their Take off and grow (TAG) program to restart our new pilot training program, We submitted a proposal to Gary Himes (our AMA District VI VP) who is donating a trainer with TX to a club and had a donation of a DX6i TX by Jeff Yelton to be used of our trainer program.

The Indy South club will be losing their field in late spring and have scheduled several events before they have to move out—see the calendar at the end of the newsletter.

Dues for 2021 need to be paid as soon as possible. You can send a check to Vern (address on this page) . Dues for single are \$85, junior \$42.50 (18 and under) and family \$115 . Put your AMA number on the check. Include a self addressed stamped envelope and Vern will mail you your 2021 club card with the new combination for the lock on the gate and building. Remember that Vern will not mail you your card unless your AMA is valid through 31 Dec 2021 so if you have not renewed your AMA either call them or go online and pay for your updated AMA today.

Be well and stay healthy and safe - Ted



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Meeting Minutes Feb 2021

President News

Event Calendar

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Mar 1 Virtual

Minutes from the Indianapolis RC Modelers Meeting 1 Feb 2021

Meeting was opened online at 7:05

17 members participated

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved

Treasures report—currently have 46 paid members—Vern said that if we pay for the fertilization/weed killer up front we get a 5% discount—all agreed. Financial report approved as presented

Jeff reviewed the club submission for the AMA Take off and Grow (TAG) program. We requested about \$900 to purchase a trainer plane/TX/spare parts/batteries and develop an updated training program. I support of this program Ted will send out an email to members for donations to enhance our trainer program

Ted reviewed the club submission for the AMA Leader club program.

Ted reviewed the AMA Safety Code which is an annual requirement for becoming an AMA Leader club. There was discussion about verifying that pilots have proper certification for flying Turbines and planes over 55 pounds at the field and during events.

There was discussion on our club safety rules and these will be reviewed in detail at our next meeting and also at the first meeting that we hold at the field this spring.

Tony Stillman discussed a program that AMA is considering that could provide funds to clubs that would allow non-club members to fly at their field. Just in the early brain storming phase. Comments by most club members thought this would not work very well. Tony also addressed the future FAA testing—this will probably not happen until fall. Nothing to worry about—it is a no-fail test that is really to educate modelers.

Meeting closed at 8:21

From our Club President

Here comes March – Come on, Spring!

Hello, and I hope that everyone is doing well and has had some time to progress a few winter airplanes. Test flying time is right around the corner, along with nicer weather and the flying season.

Somehow this winter, I did not make nearly as much building progress as I wanted to. Work has gotten busy, and I have been hard at work keeping full-scale aircraft up and flying lately.

As many of you know, we applied for a Take-Off and Grow grant from the AMA. We also applied for an Apprentice training system give-away from Gary Himes at the AMA. We look forward to a bit of work updating our training tools and curriculum, doing more advertising, and putting some effort into getting people to come out and having a few lessons on a club airplane to see how they like it. Enticing and inspiring newcomers is a significant need for our hobby and our club. We need to keep newcomer interest and gain new pilots to promote and preserve the hobby we love.

With that in mind, I ask you to please be aware of people who stop by or appear to be watching from the parking area. Be very friendly, invite them to hang around, ask questions, and engage with them positively. We soon hope to have some, “Come and Try it – Free Starter Lesson” handouts in the line shack that you can provide potential pilots.

Just the other day (while out on a bit of a snowy, not-so-warm day), I was out at the field alone, testing a big twin EDF airplane, and a gentleman with two middle-school-aged boys came by and stopped to watch. I took some time out to say a friendly hello, and then showed them all about my airplane. They had questions about airplanes, studied trainers online, were genuinely interested in the club, future lessons, and getting more involved. What started as a “could be / iffy” day with snow ended up as a great time to have been at the field and met this family. And yes, my airplane flew well, and while not one of my high-performance jets, it did better than I thought it would, and they loved it.

Keep cordial, engaging, and on the watch for interested bystanders as they could be the next group of student pilots helping to keep our hobby alive and thriving. With some luck, we could quickly motivate several future Aerospace business professionals!

Well, that is all for this month’s note. I hope you are doing well and look forward to seeing many of you at the field soon.

Jeff Thomas

RC Activities 2021 – as of 26 Feb 2021

Mar 1 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church
Mar 6—Indy RC South—Ticket Fly 2pm
Mar 7—Indoor Flying St Peters Church Columbus
Mar 21—Indy RC South—Ticket Fly 2pm
Apr 5 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church
Apr 9-10—Toledo Swap meet
Apr 23,24—Dayton Modelrama Swap meet
Apr 25—Indy RC South—Ticket Fly 2pm
May 3 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field
May 15—Indy RC South—Last Chance Flyin 11am
May 22—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits—Fun Fly and Swap
Jun 4-5—USAF Thunderbirds at Ft Wayne Air Show
Jun 7 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field
Jun 12—**IRCM** Cubs and Floaty Flyers Flyin
Jun 25-26—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Warbird and Classic
Jul 4—Anderson Extreme Flyers Flyin
Jul 5 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field
Jul 10—**IRCM** Fly Anything RC Flyin
Jul 17—Johnson Cty Warbird Flyin
Jul 17—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Aviation Day open house
Jul 30-31 Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Electri-Fly
Jul 30,31 Aug 1—National Fun Flyin at AMA in Muncie
Aug 2 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field
Aug 12-14 Dawn Patrol, Rosewood, IN
Aug 14—Johnson Cty National Aviation Day flyin
Aug 14—Blacksheep Squadron Natl Aviation Day flyin
Aug 21—**IRCM** Toys for Tots flyin
Aug 27-29—National Electric Flyin at AMA in Muncie
Aug 27-29—Hoosier Dawn Patrol at AMA in Muncie
Sep 2-4—Indiana Warbird Campaign at AMA in Muncie
Sep 6 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field
Sep 10-11 Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Monster Mash
Sep 11—Johnson Cty Heartnut Festival Flying
Sep 18—Indy RC South ADA event
Sep 25—**IRCM** All Electric Flyin and Swap Meet
Oct 2—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits at Night
Oct 4 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church
Oct 16—Blacksheep Squadron Warbird Flyin in Danville
Oct 23—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Toys for Tots
Nov 1– **IRCM** Club meeting at the church
Dec 6 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church



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